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Vandalism causes safety problems, sends negative message about Fort

By John Ruble

Director, Directorate Public Works

All of you probably have seen the construction in the housing areas on Fort Huachuca. We are very fortunate to have such a broad scale of renovation taking place, and it will ultimately be a better place to live for our Soldiers and fami-

We have vacated these areas in sufficient time to allow families a relatively stress-free transition. Vacating these homes, however, is creating an enticing opportunity for those children or teens who would vandalize the empty quarters.

We are experiencing a huge increase in broken windows, doors and breaking into the vacant houses. In addition to the resultant bad appearance, obvious vandalism sends a negative message about Fort Huachuca and those who live and work here. These actions could easily result in a serious injury of a child. We are asking parents to be very diligent in advising their children to stay out of the construction areas, as well as the vacant housing areas. In addition, the military police have increased their patrols in these areas, and anyone caught damaging the homes or removing property will be charged. Their sponsors will be held responsible.

Thank you for your assistance in keeping our children safe and government property secure.

AER helps the Army take care of its own

Scout commentary

"Helping the Army Take Care of its Own"-that's what Army Emergency Relief is all about.

Every year, AER funds benefit Soldiers, retirees, widows and family members beset by financial hardship. In many cases, just a few hundred dollars may be all that someone

needs to make it through a difficult time. Every year, AER grants, loans, or a combination of both help hundreds of members of the Army family during times of financial emer-

AER isn't just about Soldiers helping Soldiers and other members of the Army family. Retir-

ees, civilians and family members can donate, too. Donating to AER is one way each of us can anonymously help members of our military family. This year, AER campaign runs through May 15. Fort Huachuca hopes to raise \$80,000. With your help, the Fort can reach this objective.

Correction

The article, "IEW Maintenance runners up for AAME," that appeared on Page A6 of last week's Fort Huachuca "Scout" should have credited the win for runner-up honors for the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command Army Award for Maintenance Excellence as a combined effort of both Motor Maintenance and Intelligence Electronic Warfare Maintenance, 111th Military Intelligence Brigade. Both units played equal roles in earning the honor. The "Scout" staff wishes both units best of luck in the Army-wide competition for the Secretary of Defense Maintenance Award.



"Selfless service -- The

focus of our job means

troops, our citizens, our

country and not making

ourselves the priority."

Company C, 304th Military Intelligence Battalion



Company C, 304th Military Intelligence st Lt. Todd Foreman



Company C, 304th Military Intelligence 2nd Lt. Mark Jepsen

2nd Lt. Berry Stanton Company C, 304th

"Honor -- Through my transition from Navy to taking care of others; our Army, I've realized and strive to maintain integrity, confidence and most importantly, honor."

"Loyalty -- Loyalty, in my opinion, is a prerequisite for all other Army values."

"Integrity -- Integrity ensures that you will always do the right thing by your Soldiers, your unit and the nation."

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DICE assures emergency response agencies are interoperable



Antennae and mobile communications vehicles can be seen around the JITC testing compound.

Story and photos by 1st. Lt. Andrea Pratt

11th Signal Brigade public afairs officer

"It's not a matter of 'if' there will be another 9/11[September 11th 2001], but a matter of 'when'.

"In this post-nine-eleven age, we need to ensure that all of our emergency response agencies are interoperable," said Capt. Jared Harris, Department of Defense Interoperability Communications Exercise 2006 test director. "Most of our [military and first-response] agencies have never had a venue to meet, talk and exchange business cards outside a disaster area ... and that's what makes this test key."

The "test" Harris referred to was the annual exercise, "DICE," which has expanded from a small local event into the DOD's premier net-centric joint certification exercise throughout the decades. The annual event is organized under the Defense Information System Agency Test and Evaluation Directorate, which is responsible for providing interoperability test and evaluation services and technical support for emerging and legacy information systems through distributed testing.

DICE is the only exercise targeted towards joint interoperability testing and certifications – making it an important venue for DOD and first responders to exchange ideas and lessons learned from significant emergency events such as terrorist attacks and natural disasters in the joint environment that DICE provides. "First responders" include police officers, firemen, ambulatory responders, and others who would respond in emergency

situations.

"Vendors are encouraged to come here," added Capt. Harris, "not so much for marketing purposes, but to have an opportunity to place their un-fielded equipment in an integrated systems test. If they can make assessments earlier in product development, we believe that vendors can produce better products."

DICE not only provides a unique interoperability testing venue for military and first response agencies in a joint environment, but it also significantly replicated networks before the equipment is fielded. Users are given the opportunity to achieve a degree of comfort with the new versions of hardware and software through the three components of interoperability: forces, procedures, and equipment.

Sixty seven groups participated in DICE 06. Participants included first responder agencies such as the: American Red Cross; Arizona Department of Emergency Management; Cochise, Pima and Santa Cruz Counties; the Arizona cities

Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Combatant Commands, National Guard Bureau, Defense Information Systems Agency, Joint Communications Support Element and the National Security Agency.

DICE '06 locations spanned from Okinawa, Japan to 14 sites across America in the states of Washington, California, Colorado, Arizona, Illinois, South Carolina, Georgia, Viriginia, New Jersey, and Florida. One of the participating sites in Arizona is the Joint Interoperability Test

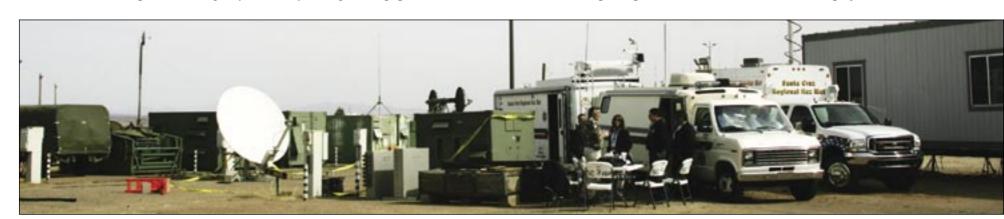


Distinguished visitors are given a tour through the Logistical Support mobile communications van demonstration.

lowers testing costs sharing assets across participants. JITC absorbs costs, pays commercial satellite fees, and ensures that communications capabilities are verified to the Warfighter as quickly as possible. DICE also reduces future operational failure by testing new equipment in robust,

of Sierra Vista, Glendale, Mesa, Tempe; Arizona Weapons of Mass Destruction-Civil Support Team; Federal Emergency Management Agency; Fort Huachuca Fire Department; Fort Monroe, Va. Fire Department; and the United States Coast Guard. DOD participants included the Command Center here.

DICE 06 started in February and is scheduled to end in mid-April. Technical information from DICE can be found at http://jitc.fhu.disa.mil/jitbrief/cover.htm and additional DICE information can be found at http://jitc.fhu.disa.mil/dice/



Santa Cruz First Responder participants in DICE '06.

Fort's February water use lowest in 24 years

Scout Reports

The water pumpage for February is 28,048,000 gallons or 86 acre-feet and is equivalent to one million gallons per day. The February pumpage is 15.6 percent less than that pumped in February 2005 (102 acre-feet) and is 42.6 percent less than the 24-year (1982-2005) February average (150 acre-feet)

The February pumpage of 86 acre-feet is not only the lowest pumpage for February during the 24-year period (1982-2005), it is also the lowest pumpage for any month during the 24-

year period.

Total water pumped year-to-date is 13.7 percent less than that pumped year-to-date in 2005 (207 acre-feet).

February water use at the U.S. Forest Service Air Tanker Station on Libby Army Airfield is 15,521 gallons. Year-to-date water pumped is 15,521 gallons, or 0.05 acre-feet. This is water that was used to fight the Montezuma 1 wildfire

Treated effluent reuse for February was 11.5 acre-feet. Year-to-date water use is 18.2 acre-feet. The 2006 year-to-date reuse, 18.2 acre-feet, is 69

percent more than that reused for the same period in 2005 (5.6 acre-feet). This is water that did not have to be pumped from the groundwater aquifer (a water and energy savings) to irrigate the Mountain View Golf Course and Chaffee Parade Field /Prosser Village.

Treated effluent for February delivered to the East Range Recharge Facility was 39.2 acre-feet. Year-to-date water delivered is 81.7 acre-feet. This is 24.9 percent less than that delivered for the same period in 2005 (108.8 acre-feet).

The lower water use in February is

attributed to the continued effects of the Water Wise and aggressive water leak detection programs and the continuing effects of a significantly mild winter. On-going construction projects such as family housing demolition and the new elementary school had little water use associated with their activities.

Fort Huachuca has been a steward of natural resources since 1877. The future of the fort is linked with the future of the San Pedro River, and the Fort will continue to seek out creative and innovative ways to conserve water.

Four brothers to deploy together, document experience

By Paul Rutz

American Forces Press Service

Four brothers, all Army Reserve officers, are deploying to Iraq with the same division and are planning to chronicle their experiences in a forthcoming book.

The book's working title is "An American Story -- The Holbert Family: Four Brothers Who Serve." Its publisher, Linda Dennis, hopes to tell the story of the whole family's struggles as Buddy, Matt, David and Carlton begin their year in Iraq with the 108th Division (Institutional Training).

"Originally we had started a book with general essays from a whole bunch of soldiers," Dennis said. Then "the Holberts stepped forward, with all four going, and it has gone from a collection of essays to kind of a story about their family."

Dennis is president of "Connect and Join," an Internet-based communications company providing a forum for military families to keep in touch when their loved ones deploy. She said she felt humbled meeting the Holberts and seeing the contribution they are making for the country. "As we got to know them over a couple-month time period, it became real obvious this is a very unique family," she said. "This is the family we think of as 'the American family.""

The book, which Dennis hopes to publish in June, will contain journals and essays written by each member of the family: the four brothers, as well as their parents, wives, sisters, and children. She said the family has already written some essays and described their words as "very powerful."

"It's all about freedom and serving your country and

doing what's right and how you raise kids the right way," she said.

The oldest brother, Lt. Col Buddy Holbert, is a 44-year-old graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. He said the family feels grateful to Dennis for recognizing them and expressed his amazement that someone would want to publish their words. "We wrote some little ... bios on ourselves and had a couple of pictures taken, and I understand that someone wants to consider that as essays for a book," he said. "I can't say they're written well enough for that, but that's what I'm hearing."

The Holbert brothers reported to their home station in Charlotte, N.C., Feb. 28. Buddy said the nature of their jobs will require all four brothers to mobilize about a month before most of the 108th Division.

Buddy commands the 3rd Battalion, 518th Regiment (Basic Combat Training), based in Hickory, N.C. He said he will go with a "leader element" for a one-month special training course in California to learn more about Iraqi culture. After that, he'll go on a coordination trip to Iraq for two to three weeks before coming back to Fort McCoy, Wis., to receive the division's main body. Once he arrives in Iraq, Buddy said, he will likely be based in Baghdad, while most of the 108th Division will have positions throughout the country.

The three younger brothers, all assigned to the Foreign Army Training Command's tactical operations center, will head to their mobilization station at Fort McCoy March 4 to help set up shop before the main group arrives for about 70 days of pre-deployment training.

Capt. David Holbert, a 40-year-old graduate of

Winthrop University, serves in the unit's security and intelligence branch. He enlisted in the South Carolina Army National Guard directly out of high school and served for more than five years before being commissioned as an officer. With 23 years in the military, David has served the longest of the four brothers.

Maj. Matt Holbert, a 36-year-old graduate of the Citadel military college in Charleston, S.C., serves as personnel officer for the operation. He and his wife, Laura, have one daughter, Sharon, 5, and one son, Clark, 3

Capt. Carlton Holbert, 32, also a graduate of the Citadel, serves in the unit's operations branch. He and his wife, Karen, have one daughter, Reilly, 4.

Buddy and his wife, Tracy, have a daughter, Nicole, 25, and two sons, Bud, 17, and Jordan, 10 months.

On Feb. 25, the Holbert family gathered in Rock Hill, S.C., their hometown, for a going-away dinner. Buddy described the mood as "happy and picking on each other," and he said he enjoyed the chance to honor his parents. "We owe a lot of our patriotism and values to our parents, they pointed us in the right direction as we were growing up," he said.

Those traditions have carried all four Holbert brothers through their careers and will help them when they deploy, he said. "I think we all have it in our hearts and in our blood," Buddy said. "Even though we have civilian jobs, we always have the values of the Army and the country at the forefront. Even if we weren't paid, I think that we would still do what we do. It's just something that we feel is our duty."

Local Exchanges use e-mail to reach troops, families

AAFES news release

It used to be that the only way an organization could communicate with those it served was by word of mouth or other broad messages delivered en masse. Today, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service is using e-mail technology to tailor how it reaches out to troops and their families by offering subscribers the chance to opt in to a new service through targeted, local messages.

AAFES' "Buddy List" effort began as a way for local PX/BX facilities to provide store- specific information directly to authorized shoppers' inboxes. E-mail

topics range from upcoming celebrity appearances to special sales exclusive to "Buddy List" members.

"This has been a great way to keep service members and their families connected to the PX/BX," said Senior Vice President Eastern Region Julie Zills. "Instead of a general, national promotion, we can now let customers know what's going on at their local Exchange just by sending out a quick e-mail."

The Fort Bragg Exchange, the first exchange to roll out the "Buddy List," now has in excess of 5,000 members, while the Fort Belvoir PX regularly communicates

with more than 2,000 Soldiers.

"This is something we are trying to initiate at Exchanges around the world," said AAFES Commander Maj. Gen. Bill Essex. "Our hope is that specific, local communication, like the 'Buddy List' will help enhance the Exchange benefit."

Customers can find out more about AAFES' "Buddy List" program from their Exchange's General or Main Store Managers. Local contact information is available under the "Store Locator" link at www.aafes.com.

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Fort Huachuca extremist group, gang, tattoo awareness

Story and photo by Esau Lolis
Scout Staff

Fort Huachuca virtually has no problems with extremist groups and gangs. Post officials plan on keeping it that way by teaching leaders to recognize warning signs of potential extremist group and gang activity.

"I think we are in a proactive posture," said Master Sgt. Kirby Olson, Fort Huachuca's Military Equal Opportunity advisor.

In an effort to maintain good order and discipline, senior officers and enlisted Soldiers are trained on how to identify characteristics and traits of suspected gang and extremist group perpetrators. Leaders are briefed by instructors from Post Criminal Investigation Division, the Cochise County Sherriff's Office and Post Staff Judge Advocate.

"To make leaders aware [of potential signs of extremeist group or gang activity], that is the purpose of the briefings," Olson explained. He pointed out that the Army tattoo policy is also

taught to senior leaders here on Post.

"I think it's extremely important to be able to recognize, particularly in tattoos, behavior that might be related to extremist groups' activity for the simple fact that it is a part of good order and discipline for the military," Olson said.

Tattoos may link individuals to gangs and extremist groups. Olson placed unauthorized tattoos into three categories: offensive, sexist and racist. He said that offensive tattoos are recognized as grossly offensive to modesty, decency or propriety, or those that shock the moral sense because of their vulgar, filthy or disgusting nature or tendency to incite lustful thoughts.

Sexist tattoos advocate a philosophy that degrades or demeans a person based on gender, according to Olson.

He said that racist and extremist tattoos advocate a philosophy that degrades or demeans a person based on ethnicity or national origin.

Olson said that leaders who are unsure of the meaning of a tattoo, should

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Fort Huachuca senior enlisted and officers browse through a display of gang paraphernalia during a training class. Leaders are briefed by instructors from Post Criminal Investigation Division, Cochise County Sherriff's Office and the Post Staff Judge Advocate.

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ask the wearer. "The best test is to ask the individual what the tattoo means," he said.

The latest tattoo policy can be found in AR 670-1, "Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia," with the latest changes to the Army Tattoo Policy made on Feb. 3.

"The new policy gives commanders more options when it comes to identifying particular tattoos that may be related to an organization," Olson said. "It also gives the Soldier the option of having the tattoo removed, if he or she chooses to do so," Olson continued. "It identifies more tattoos [considered offensive] and gives more flexibility as to what a commander can do in a situation with a tattoo."

He said that there are two primary reasons why people join extremist groups or gangs, psychological issues and ideological reasons. He outlined both.

Psychological issues include the need to belong and to be accepted – especially if rejected by other groups, Olson explained.

He said that ideological reasons include disintegration of society, political or intellectual issues, white supremacy, Christian identity and left-wing ideology.

According to Olson, extremist groups and gangs have become savvier in the way they recruit individuals

Olson said that instead of standing in streets dressed in sheets and shouting hate messages, most

extremists are now sitting in bars and break areas, wearing normal street clothes.

He said most prospects are lured by promises about individual liberties, states' rights, and how, with the new prospect's help, the group can make the world a better place in which to live.

"Issues like freedom of speech, anti gun-control themes, tax reform, and oppression," are issues used to attract young people into extremist groups and gangs," Olson said.

"The majority of extremist groups and organizations has one main theme; superiority of one race over the other," Olson said. "They are known to be very violent in their messages and advocate the overthrow of the government."

Olson said that extremists don't have to look radical to be radical. "Pay attention to the subtle extremist or the idealist or left-wing idealist," he said. "There's a tendency where they are a bit more mainstream in how they may look," Olson said. "They may be hard to distinguish from average citizens because they don't have the tattoos. There's a possibility that they may wear a suit and tie and look like the average business person you would see in the U.S.," he said.

Olson commented on how extremist groups and gangs can disrupt command climate.

"I would say their biggest threats would be their approach to our military to see if Soldiers are interested in their organization and also their approach to our dependants to see if they are interested in joining one of their organizations.

"They have gotten more sophisticated," he said.
"Web sites are available now where any child or Soldier can go into and start reading some of the literature on some of the organizations. And, if they so choose, they can become 'card-carrying members' or ask for more information."

"I don't believe that there are any active extremist groups that are affiliated with the Army," Olson contended.

Olson said Fort Huachuca remains vigilant to recognition of signs of extremist group or gang activity to prevent problems from occurring.

Those who would like more information about extremist groups and organizations, should contact the Military Equal Opportunity Office at 538-0533.

Question and answers with Col. Rafael Lara, Post Staff Judge Advocate

Q. Does Fort Huachuca have a problem with extremist groups, gangs and unauthorized tattoos?

A. "There is a low threat of activity posed by extremist groups and gangs at Fort Huachuca. There are a number of street gangs that operate in and around Sierra Vista, however, their presence presents no real problems."

Q. Would you comment on the training you give to leaders here at Fort Huachuca? How often the class is

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given and who is required to attend?

- A. "Bob Williams, Criminal Intelligence Division at DES [Directorate of Emergency Services], provides a security threat briefing to all commander and first sergeant's courses which are held almost quarterly."
- Q. What are major indicators leaders must look for in recognizing suspected members of unauthorized gangs and groups?
- A. "One of the most important measures is to know that it's imperative for senior NCOs to interact with their Soldiers and have frequent health and welfare checks. Look for gang-type tattoos and other indications which are common in threat groups."
- Q. Would permanent make-up on the face, say eyeliner on a female soldier, be an unacceptable tattoo?
- A. "No. New guidance on December 15, 2005, changed the tattoo policy in "AR 670-1" to allow permanent make-up as an acceptable tattoo. Any

- other tattoo visible on the face and head is prohibited. Tattoos that are not extremist, indecent, racist or sexist will be allowed on the hands and neck of a Soldier."
- Q. Can you give an example of a tattoo that has to be removed because it is prejudicial to good order and discipline?
- A. "For example, skinheads frequently use tattoos and symbols of lightning bolts, skulls, Nazi swastikas, eagles, and Nordic warriors. Skinhead graphics also feature barbed wire, hobnailed boots, and hammers in their symbolism. Another tattoo that may be prejudicial to good order and discipline is 'KKK'."
- Q. What types of tattoos are considered to be sexist?
- A. "Lewd images with clearly sexist connotations."
- Q. What should leaders do when they become aware of a soldier with a tattoo that is racist, sexist, or extremist?
 - A. "Leaders should counsel the Soldier that their

- tattoo is in violation of the "AR 670-1." Advise them of opportunity to seek medical advice about removal and/or alteration."
- Q. What should a commander do if a Soldier refuses to remove an unacceptable tattoo?
- A. "If the Soldier refuses to remove the tattoo, a commander should ensure that the Soldier understands the tattoo policy. Also ensure the Soldier has been afforded opportunity to seek medical advice about removal and/or alteration and inform the Soldier in writing that refusal will result in discharge."
- Q. Should a commander order a Soldier to have a tattoo removed?
- A. "Commanders may NOT order removal of a tattoo."
- Q. What are some reference materials leaders can use?
- A. "AR 670-1, 'US Army G-1 Human Resources Policy Directorate,' and, when in doubt, contact your SJA office."

Soldiers read to students **Read Across America** as part of national program

By 1st Lt. Andrea Pratt

11th Signal Brigade PAO

"You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child."

The words of the late Theodor "Dr.Seuss" Geisel were nationally honored in the annual "Read Across America Celebration" Friday. Schools in every American residential area as well as overseas Department of Defense schools

librarian. "The first year we didn't have enough volunteers to go to each class so we used staff. Now there are definitely enough volunteers to visit every class. It's been great!" More 30 volunteers cycled through General Myer Elementary School on

"You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a

out different portions of Dr. Seuss books. One class even wore pajamas and brought sleeping bags and pillows to school. Each door featured a full-length Seuss decora-

tion of some sort and staff wore the trademark red and white striped Suess hats. There was even a live Cat in the Hat walking

grade class. Individual students were called to the front of the room to help him read while the rest of the class extended their arms out like elephant trunks making elyour book!"

Heather made just the kind of comment that "Read Across America" is intended to encourage. General Myer Elementary and reading vol-



Lt. Col. Paul English, 504th Signal Battalion Commander, and Pfc. Charoltte Black read "Horton Hears a Who" to Desiree Madarang's 5th grade class.

child."

" Dr. Seuss" Geisel

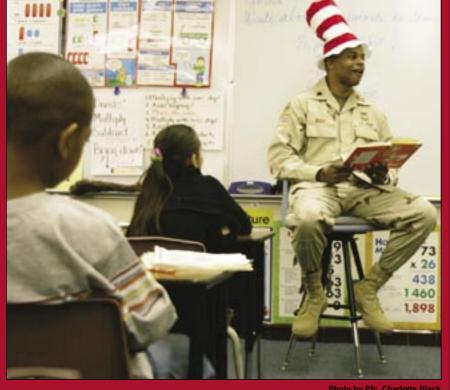
around in the hallways.

> Lt. Col. Paul English, 504th Signal Battalion Commander, read "Horton Hears a Who" to Desiree Madarang's 5th

ephant sounds or stretching their arms out to re-enact an eagle's flight in correspondence with events in the book. "You're the best reader we've had today," said 10-year-old Heather Huff to English. "You made me laugh and I loved

unteers did their part to support the national celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday on Friday. The event will occur on the same day next year.

If interested in volunteering, contact the school librarian.



Lt. Col. Andre Wiley, 40th Signal Batallion Commander, reads "Green Eggs and Ham" to Janice Barnes' 4th grade class

celebrated what would have been Dr. Seuss' 102nd birthday by reading to youth.

The national reading event started in 1998 and has since served as a united effort to show children how important (and fun) reading can be. "Read Across America" is nationally sponsored by Random House and the National Education Association each vear.

"This is always an important day for us," said Marsha Hamric, General Myer Elementary School

Friday.

The day was intended to be fun and educational. A brief walk down the hallways quickly revealed just how much fun the students were having

Echoes of monkey grunts, elephant calls, and numerous giggles filled the school hallways as volunteers encouraged the students to read along or act



Maj. Gen. Barbara Fast, United States Army Intelligence Center & Fort Huachuca commander, reads "Mr. Brown can moo; can you?" to Sizi Szymeczek's 5th grade class.

Family and friends honor WWII Soldier

Story and photo by Esau Lolis

Scout Staff

As the wind fiercely blew about the gazebo here, family and friends assembled at Brown Parade Field Friday to pay tribute to a World War II Soldier. The Soldier finally received long-overdue medals for his past military service.

Eighty-three year old Arthur T. Shilling was born in Benson, Ariz., where he still lives today. He joined the U.S. Army in May, 1943 at Fort MacArthur, Calif., as a wheeled vehicle driver and mechanic with the 27th Engineer Construction Bat-

During his time in service, Schil-



WWII veteran Art Schilling laughs as he examines what Deputy Garrison Commander Jim Chambers jokingly calls his "un-coveted" coin.

ling took part in numerous Pacific Island invasions on Aitape, New Guinea; Toem, New Guiena; Wadkey Island and several Philippine islands.

Upon completion of his island-hopping combat tour, Schilling was deployed to Japan for a short stint and then returned to Benson, Ariz., ending his four-year Army enlistment.

Schilling's eyes welled up when he saw his sisters and brothers from Arizona and New Mexico. He had no idea that that he was being honored or that his family would be there to witness the ceremony. It was a surprise, planned by his long-time friend, Leo Pimple.

"He is an American hero," said Deputy Garrison Commander Jim Chambers who read Schilling's biography and listed several of his accomplishments and military decorations.

Command Sgt. Maj. Franklin Saunders, U.S. Army Garrison sergeant major commented, saying that," We must keep the history of Schilling's generation alive.'

"I'm lucky to be here today," Schilling said emotionally. He noted that of the 200 Soldiers in his company, only he and five others survived without being killed or wounded.

To remind Shilling of his days in the Army, a shadow box of medals, ribbons, rank and other memorabilia of his service was presented to him Friday by Pimple.

The box also includes a space for his honorable discharge certificate and interment flag.

Schilling's decorations include the Army Good Conduct Medal; Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with three bronze campaign (battle) stars and a bronze amphibious assault arrowhead device; the World War Two Victory Medal; The Army Occupation Medal with "Japan" bar; The Philippine Liberation Ribbon (Medal) with two bronze service stars and the Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation.

He is authorized the Army Sharpshooter Badge with carbine bar; Army Marksmanship Badge with riffle, automatic rifle, pistol, machine gun, grenade and bayonet bars and the Army Driver/ Mechanic Badge with driver wheeled vehicle bar. He is also authorized the World War II "Honorable Service" Lapel Pin.

Dr. Mary Walker award nominations being accepted Army family.

eligible spouses whose service lifestyle.

Nominations are now be- to our country is in the form of ing accepted for the Dr. Mary volunteering and is often behind active-duty soldiers, guardsmen no later than 4 p.m. March 30. E. Walker award. The award, the scenes. Their way of life and reservists are eligible for Each packet must contain the named for the only female must be marked by their efforts this award. The volunteer must nominee's identification, docu-Medal of Honor recipient, is to improve their communities directly benefit soldiers and/or mentation of volunteer acts, designed to recognize those and enhance the overall military their families or be readily identijustification for the nomination,

Male and female spouses of

Nomination packets are due fied as bringing great credit on the an endorsement or memorandum

signed by the appropriate commander and a biography on the nominee.

For information on where to submit completed packets or for any further questions, contact Staff Sgt. Flores at 533-1146.

Range Closures

Friday – AD, AF, AG, AH, AI, AK, AL, AM, AN, AP, AR, AS, AU, AW, T1, T1A, T2

Saturday – AD, AL, AM, AP, AU, AW, AY, T1, T1A, T2

Sunday – AD, AL, AP, AU, AW, AY, T1, T1A, T2

Monday – AB, AC, AD, AF, AG, AH, AI, AK, AL, AP, AU, AW, AY

Tuesday – AB, AC, AD, AF, AG, AH, AI, AK, AL, AW, T1, T1A, T2

Wednesday – AB, AC, AD, AF, AG, AH, AI, AK, AL, AR, T1, T1A, T2

Contact Range Control at 533-7095. Closures are subject to change.

Enlistment referral bonus program

Soldiers who refer someone with no prior military experience through the Sergeant Major of the Army Recruiting Team system may be eligible to receive a referral bonus up to a \$1,000.

The referring Soldier must establish an account via the SMART web site and submit the referral through https://www. usarec.army.mil/smart . They may also call the USAREC 800 line (1-800-223-3735, extension 6-0473) to register.

For more information about eligibility and program details call the telephone number listed above or visit the SMART Web page.

Ammunition supply point closes briefly

The Installation Ammunition Supply Point will be closed for quarterly inventory

March 29 - 31. Those who anticipate training requirements during this period should coordinate in advance with the IASP. Emergency requirements may be addressed to Manny Bringas by calling 533-2512.

PWOC "Worshipful Gathering" slated

The Fort Huachuca Protestant Women of the Chapel invite all ladies from post and the surrounding community to attend a "Worshipful Gathering" Tuesday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel.

The PWOC will welcome Victoria Robinson, president of PWOC Europe.

Child sitting is available for children 6 months to 5 years by reservation. Mothers should bring a lunch for their children and a sack lunch for themselves. Lunch will be spent in fellowship in the courtyard.

For more information or for childcare reservations, contact Lisa Chestnut at 249-7683.

Chapel plans Spring Fling for families

Family members of deployed spouses, mark your calendars! The Fort Huachuca Chapel honors you on March 25 from 5 – 8 p.m. with a free dinner, entertainment and gifts at Murr Community Center, building 51301, off Cushing Road. Families are invited. Children are welcome, and free child care will be provided.

For information, call Carol and Mark Baxter at 459-0715 or e-mail mcanaz@cox.net. Or contact Karen Harper at 458-5983 or e-mail harperjh@earthlink.

Fort Huachuca Lent/Holy Week Services 2006

For Information, call 533-4748

Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service

Day

26-Mar

April 16, 6 a.m. Reservoir Hill (Large Parking Lot)

Lent **Catholic Services** Stations of the Cross Fridays in Lent 5:30 p.m. Main Post Chapel Fridays in Lent "Poor Man's Meal" 6 p.m. MPC Activity Room Lent Penance Service 27-Mar 7 p.m. Main Post Chapel

Time

5 p.m.

Location

MPC Activity Room

Holy Week

Hunger Banquet for Youth

Services

Catholic Services Palm Sunday Vigil Mass 8-Apr Main Post Chapel 5 p.m. Palm Sunday Mass 9-Apr 9:15 a.m. Main Post Chapel Palm Sunday Mass 9-Apr 11:30 a.m. Kino Chapel Holy Thursday Mass Main Post Chapel 13-Apr 7 p.m. Good Friday - Passion Service 14-Apr 7 p.m. Main Post Chapel

Holy Saturday Mass (Easter Vigil) 15-Apr 7 p.m. Main Post Chapel Easter Sunday Mass 16-Apr 9:15 a.m. Main Post Chapel Easter Sunday Mass 16-Apr 11:30 a.m. Kino Chapel

Protestant Services

Palm Sunday 9-Apr Regular Services and Chapels Living Last Supper 12-Apr 7p.m. Main Post Chapel **Blessed Sacrament** Maundy Thursday (Episcopal) 13-Apr 6 p.m. (MPC)

Good Friday Prosser Village 14-Apr 7p.m. Chapel

Good Friday (Episcopal Liturgy) Main Post Chapel **Easter Service** 16-Apr Regular Services and Chapels

Jewish Services

Passover 12-Apr 6 p.m.MPC Activity Room

Chaplain's Corner

Protestant Sunday Services Men's Choir Women's Ministry 2nd Sunday Tuesday 7 p.m. Meetings Catholic 8 a.m. Episcopal Main Post Rehearsal Youth Ministry 3rd Suday Women's Choir 2nd Tuesday 7 p.m. Kino Chapel Main Post Chapel 9:20 a.m. Gospel Meetings Rehearsal CCD 10:45 a m 9:30 a.m. Prosser Village Sunday Protestant Adult Usher 4th Sunday after service Adult Bible Study Thursday 6 - 7 p.m. 10:45 a.m. 11 a.m. Cross Roads Cochise Theater Adult Sunday Meetings Youth Bible Study 6 - 7 p.m. Thursday 11 a.m. Collective Main Post Apologetics Men's Ministry Saturday 8 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Thursday 7 p.m. ALPHA Adoration of the Friday 3 - 6 p.m. Prosser Village 3:30 p.m. Bible Study Rehearsal Sacrament Blessed Women's Choir 11 a.m. 5th Saturday Youth Ushers Saturday 10 a.m. Rehearsal Roman Catholic Worship Korean OCIA Friday 7 p.m. Youth Choir 3rd Saturday 10:30 a.m MCCW 1st Friday Mon.-Fri 11:30 a.m Main Post 9 a.m Youth Emphasis 4th Saturday **Muslim Prayer** Saturdays Main Post Saturday 4 p.m. Drama Team 8:30 a.m. Friday 11:30 a.m. Main Post Saturday **Protestant** Confession Youth Min. Staff Saturday 10 a.m. **Buddhist Weekly Teaching** Main Post Main Post Chapel Saturday 5 p.m. & Parents Meeting 6:30 p.m Prosser Village Tuesday **PWOC** Tuesday 9 a.m. Mass Youth Choir Saturday 10:30 a.m **Orthodox Divine Liturgy** Sunday School Sunday 9:30 a.m. Main Post Sunday 9:30 a.m Rehearsal Sunday 10 a.m Main Post Kino Chapel Mass Sunday 11:30 a.m Kino Chapel Murr Community Center Women's Ministry 1st, 3rd Friday 6 p.m. Latter Day Saints Service Mass Teens and 9:20 a.m. Bible Study Fellowship Pre-teens Study Sunday Prosser Village Adult/Youth Sunday 8 a.m Jewish Worship Parish Council 1st Sunday after service Sunday School Friday 7 p.m. Meetings

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th Sunday

Youth Church

Smith students win at Computer Olympics

Story and photo by Thom Williams

Scout Staff

Two eighth-graders from Colonel Smith Middle

School won first-place honors at the Computer Olympics sponsored by the Southern Arizona Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications and

> Electronics Association and Cochise College on Friday.

Brian Becker took first place in the Computer Fundamentals portion of the competition, while Thad Bomar won the Computer Repair Theory event in the Middle School Division.

Eighteen middle school students from the Fort Huachuca school competed against students from eight other middle schools from around Cochise County.

"I had them sign up for three different events. Two of the events they could choose on their own and I kind of assigned them to one I knew they were really strong at," said Joyce Bridges, a computer applications teacher who served as the coach of Smith team.

"I felt like most of them represented our school very well and they seemed to enjoy it"

Students competed in 25 events ranging from personal computer speed assembly to word processing theory.

In the event that Becker won, students took a multiple-choice test on their knowledge of computer fundamentals.

"I was really excited just because I had never had Ms. Bridges' class before and it's stuff that my dad had taught me at my house," said Becker.

His favorite part of working with computers is their ability to store so much information on something so small and then be able to go back and retrieve it in 10 seconds.

"It was unexpected when I did win the PC repair thing because I thought the test was really hard, said Bomar. "I guess I know more than I thought I knew."

Bomar says he has his own computer at home that he built from parts that his Dad was going to throw away. He said that he's got the computer running and he just needs an operating system.

Students from Smith Middle School who took part in the competition had to have a "C" or above in all their other classes to attend the computer Olympics.



Colonel Smith Middle School students Brian Becker (left), and Thad Bomar work on a computer in a classroom. The students took first-place honors at the Computer Olympics sponsored by the Southern Arizona Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association and Cochise College on Friday.

AER Campaign now underway

Scout reports

Fort Huachuca unit representatives kicked off the annual Army Emergency Relief Fund Campaign on Tuesday.

AER is the Army's own emergency financial assistance organization and is dedicated to "Helping the Army Take Care of Its Own." AER provides commanders a valuable asset in accomplishing their basic command responsibility for the morale and welfare of Soldiers.

AER provides emergency financial assistance to Soldiers, retirees, widows and family members. Assistance categories include food, rent or utilities, emergency transportation, vehicle repair, funeral expenses, medical and dental expenses, and personal needs.

AER also provides undergraduate-level scholarships to children of Soldiers based primarily on financial need.

New AER initiatives for this year include the Commander's Referral Program. Under CRP, a soldier may request through their company commander or first sergeant up to \$1000 to meet their monthly obligations, an increase from last year's limit. Two hundred dollar grants for evacuated wounded warriors is another added feature.

The AER fund-raising campaign is in progress and runs through May 15. Last year, Fort Huachuca awarded more than \$380,000 in interest-free loans and grants and collected more than \$68,000 in donations during the 2005 campaign. The goal for Fort Huachuca is \$70,000 for this campaign year.

For more information about AER, contact Sgt. 1st Class Jason Sepulveda at Headquarters and Headquarters Command Network Engineering Technology Command, Ninth Army Signal Command, Greely Hall, Building 61801 or call 538-7625. Or, visit www.aerhq.org.

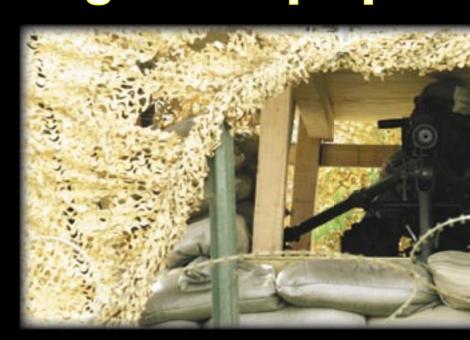


Photo by Joan Vase

Command Sgt. Maj. Doug Sandstrom, U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Huachuca; Command Sgt. Maj. Cecil Williams, 304th Military Intelligence Battalion; Sgt. 1st Class Jason Sepulveda, Network Enterprises Technology Command and Fort Huachuca Army Emergency Relief Fund Campaign Coordinator; Command Sgt. Maj. Milton Weatherly, NETCOM G3 and Master Gunnery Sgt. David Solano cut the cake to officially kick off the AER fundraising campaign Tuesday, at the Thunder Mountain Activity Centre.

11th Signal Bn. prepares









1st. Lt. Andrea-Bernadette Pratt

11th Signal Brigade public affairs officer

Various satellite dishes, antennae, and military tactical vehicles were seen around Fort Huachuca and at other Arizona locations over the last two weeks. Soldiers manning the equipment components were Thunderbirds from the 11th Signal Brigade.

Each battalion of the 11th Signal Brigade conducted its own field exercise in order to prepare for the upcoming brigade-level field exercises in March and April. The battalion field missions were to validate wartime movement capabilities, communications equipment systems, and rear detachment operations independently from the upcoming brigade validation.

The 40th Signal Battalion started their field exercise on Feb. 22 and ended on Mar. 2. Since a majority of their battalion is currently deployed, the battalion was only able to occupy one site with two companies serving as the bulk of their unit. They mounted a Phoenix terminal, satellite dishes and satellite support radios on their site.

The 504th Signal Battalion started their field exercise on Feb. 22 and ended on Friday. They occupied sites in Lordsburg, N.M., Davis Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Ariz., Florence, Ariz., and other sites

Photo illustration by Rob martinez

s to "train as they fight"





on Fort Huachuca. They mounted satellite dishes, Triband terminals, and Kuwait-Iraq Command Control Communications Computers Communications data packages. Soldiers from the 504th had several opportunities to don their gas masks and fire blanks in their M-16s at Oppositional Forces trying to probe their perimeter. People could hear firing of weapons at Site Boston from the Buffalo Soldier Trail.

The 86th Signal Battalion started its field exercise on Feb 28 and worked on their networks until Tuesday. The battalion occupied various sites on post, to include the East Range and mounted satellite dishes, KICC data packages, and satellite support radios.

A brigade-level data exercise will take place in the Barnes Field House basketball courts from March 20-31, making the courts unavailable to players. Network engineers and data operators will use this exercise to test and validate network configurations before the brigade field exercise in April. The intent is to "train as you fight," and since signal equipment is definitively critical to signal support missions, training must be executed on our large signal equipment components. People will see 11th Signal Brigade equipment again in mid-April.

Photos by Pfc. Charlotte Black







Service News





Ultimate sacrifice in support of GWOT

Staff Sgt. Kevin P. Jessen, 28, of Paragould, Ark., died in Rawah, Iraq, onSunday, when an improvised explosive device detonated during combat operations. Jessen was assigned to the Army's 22nd Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort), Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

Lance Cpl. Matthew A. Snyder, of Finksburg, Md., died Friday from a non combat-related vehicle accident in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to Combat Service Support Group-1, 1st Marine Logistics Group, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Spc. Christopher S. Merchant, 32, of Hardwick, Vt., died in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, on March 1, when his HMMWV came under attack by enemy forces using a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device and rocket-propelled grenade. Merchant was assigned to the Army National Guard's 3rd Battalion, 172nd Infantry

Regiment, Jericho, Vt.

Pfc. Tina M. Priest, 20, of Austin, Texas, died in Taji, Iraq on March 1, from non-combat related injury. Priest was assigned to the 4th Support Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Divison, Fort Hood, Texas.

Sgt. Joshua V. Youmans, 26, of Flushing, Mich., died at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, on March 1, from injuries sustained in Habbaniyah, Iraq on Nov. 21, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV during combat operations. Youmans was assigned to the Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry Regiment, Saginaw, Mich

Master Sgt. Emigdio E. Elizarraras, 37, of Pico Rivera, Calif., died in Tarin Kowt, Afghanistan on Feb. 28, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV during a reconnaissance mission. Elizarraras was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group,

Fort Bragg, N.C.

Spc. Joshua M. Pearce, 21, of Guymon, Okla., died in Mosul, Iraq, on Feb. 26, when an improvised explosive device detonated near Stryker military vehicle during patrol operations. Pearce was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 1st Infantry Regiment, 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, Fort Wainwright, Alaska.

Two soldiers died in Baghdad, Iraq on Feb. 26, when an improvised explosive device detonated near their HMMWV during patrol operations. Both soldiers were assigned to the 1st Squadron, 71st Cavalry, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division of Fort Drum, N.Y.

Killed were:

Spc. Clay P. Farr, 21, of Bakersfield, Calif. Spc. Joshua U. Humble, 21, of Appleton, Maine.

Lance Cpl. John J. Thornton, 22, of Phoenix, Ariz., died Feb. 25 of wounds received as

a result of an enemy mortar attack in Ar Ramadi, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, Calif. During Operation Iraqi Freedom, his unit was attached to 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward).

Pfc. Benjamin C. Schuster, 21, of Williamsville, N.Y., died in Ar Ramadi, Iraq on Feb. 25, from a gunshot wound. Schuster was assigned to the Army National Guard's 2nd Battalion, 101st Cavalry Regiment, Buffalo, N.Y.

Pvt. Joshua F. Powers, 21, of Skiatook, Okla., died in Baghdad, Iraq on Feb. 24, from a non-combat related injury. Powers was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky.

The incident is under investigation. The incident is under investigation.

Sgt. Dimitri Muscat, 21, of Aurora, Colo., died in Balad, Iraq, on Feb. 24, of non-combat related injuries sustained earlier that day in Samarra, Iraq. Muscat was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colo.

The incident is under investigation.



Photo by Mike Collins

Sulphur Springs Valley Electric opens

Colonel Jonathan Hunter celebrates the opening of the branch office of the Sulphur Springs Valley Cooperative on Fort Huachuca with staff from the Department of Public Works.

Fort Huachuca privatized their electric distribution system. The new office also gives SSVEC space for their engineering, operations and maintenance personnel.

The Fort Huachuca Tax Center is open

From now until April 15th, all servicemembers, dependents, retirees and eligible Army Reservists or National Guardsmen are eligible to come into the center and file their returns.

All necessary documentation is required, such as W2s, 1099s, Social Security cards for dependents, student loan information and tuition information. The hours of the center are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. On Wednesday, the center is open from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. Saturday sessions are slated for March 11 and April 15.

Most preparations are on an appointment basis. Walk-ins are welcome on Tuesdays and Thursdays, but appointments are recommended.

For information, or to make an appointment, please contact the Tax Center at 533-1040.

Vendor applications available for Festival of the Southwest



Memorial Park, Sierra Vista. The festival is open to the public and there is no admission charge.

The hours will be: 4 p.m. - midnight, Friday; noon - midnight, Saturday; and noon - 5 p.m., Sunday.

There will be many attractions for the entire family including free entertainment in the bandshell and the popular City of Fun Carnival, with rides for all ages and thrill levels.

Along with the Carnival operation there will be a vendor area that features a wide variety of food, crafts, art, commercial and novelty merchants. The

tional child. For more information, call Youth Sports

festival is an excellent fund-raising opportunity that attracts spectators by providing a wide range of activities and entertainment.

Private organizations, food, craft and other vendors are encouraged to take part in this moneymaking opportunity.

Vendor applications can be picked up at Barnes Field House, and must be postmarked by March

For more information regarding vendor applications, call Susan Keltner at 533-0351.

Learn basics of trap, skeet shooting

The Sportsman's Center is offering a special for those interested in learning the basics of trap and skeet shooting. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., every Friday in March, shooters have the opportunity to learn from certified National Sporting Clays Association

The special includes the use of a gun, one box of ammunition and one round of trap or skeet for the reduced price of \$10. Regular price is \$13.50. Don't delay; March is the month to learn.

The Sportsman's Center is located in Building 15423. The facility is open Wednesday - Sunday.

Call 533-7085 for more information, including current hours of operation.

Spring Break Specials at Jeannie's Diner, Desert Lanes

Monday through March 17 at Jeannie's Diner, youth 18 and under may purchase a corn dog and soda for the reduced price of \$1.50.

The diner offers a different lunch special daily. Monday - Friday. A 16 ounce, non-alcoholic beverage is included with these specials.

In honor of St. Patrick's Day, the lunch special for March 17 at Jeannie's Diner will be corned beef and cabbage.

Call 533-5759 for more information.

From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through March 17, youth 18 and under can bowl at Desert Lanes for \$1 per game and rent shoes for 75 cents.

Call 533-2849 for more information.

Special trail rides at Buffalo Corral

Monday and Tuesday, and March 16 and 17, Buffalo Corral Horseback Riding Stables will offer special, one-hour "Spring Break Trail Rides." Call 533-5220 for specific times and information.

Register for Little League Baseball

Registration for the Fort Huachuca Little League Baseball Program, for youth 5-14, is in progress and will continue through Wednesday, at the Central Registration Office, Murr Community Center.

Cost is \$40 for one child and \$32 for each addi-

at 533-3205 or the CER Office at 533-8168.

Free golf clinic at MVGC

Mountain View Golf Course will offer a free golf clinic for beginners, 10 - 11 a.m., March 18.

The clinic is designed to teach the basic fundamentals of the swing and the game of golf. An orientation explaining how to use the facility and what programs are available will also be covered.

Participants should wear tennis shoes and loose fitting clothing. Balls and the use of clubs will be provided at no charge.

For more information, call 533-7088.

Register now for trap, skeet league

Registration is now in progress for a trap and skeet league which will start March 29 at the Sportsman's Center. No experience is necessary, and beginners are welcome. Deadline to register is March 19.

Three-person teams are required to participate in the eight week league. Teams will shoot once a week. Cost is \$150 per team.

The Sportsman Center will hold a clearance sale from March 22 to 26. The specials offered will be: 15 percent off guns, in stock; up to 30 percent off select paint for paintball; and up to 50 percent off select hunting equipment and gun accessories.

Call 533-7085 for more information.

Country concert coming to Fort

Direct from "Country Thunder, USA," Army MWR and Fort Huachuca will present country music stars Miranda Lambert and Jason Aldean, along with special guest, Jamey Johnson, in concert, April 7 at Barnes Field House. Seating is limited, so concert attendees are advised to purchase their tickets early.

Tickets go on sale Wednesday at the Information Tour and Recreation Office and other Fort Huachuca locations for active duty military, their family members and other MWR patrons.

Tickets will be available to the general public March 25 at Sierra Vista Safeway. Prices are \$10 for active duty military and family members; \$13 for MWR patrons and \$15 to the general public and at the door.

Call 533-3354 for more information.

Photography class starts March 16

A basic black and white photography class will be offered from 6 to 8 p.m., March 16, 23, 30 and April 6 at the MWR Arts Center. Cost of this class is \$50. which is due at time of signup.

Several other adult classes are also offered each month. For a complete list of classes, visit the MWR Arts Center, Building 52008, Arizona Street.

Call Riki Tarquinio at 533-2015, for more information or to register.

B.O.S.S. to hold car wash

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will hold a car wash fundraiser 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., March 25 in the parking lot of Sonic Drive-In, Fry Boulevard, Sierra Vista. Donations will go toward supporting B.O.S.S. programs.

For more information, call Sgt. Edward Malcolm at 533-6944 or 559-2741.

Sign up now for TM 5K/10K runs

It's time to sign up for the Thunder Mountain 5K/10K Event, to be held starting 7 a.m., March 25 at Barnes Field House.

The 5K and 10K runs are open to everyone. Participants may compete in one of several categories or age groups.

Entry fees will be as follows for the 5K run: active duty military, with souvenir t-shirt, \$15; active duty military, without shirt, \$7; civilian, with shirt, \$17; and civilian, without shirt, \$9.

Entry fees for the 10K run will be: active duty military, with shirt, \$18; active duty military, without shirt, \$11; civilian, with shirt, \$25; and civilian, without shirt, \$15.

Entry deadline is close of business March 24.

Entry forms for the event are available at Barnes Field House, Eifler Fitness Center, or on the internet at http://active.com/.

For more information, contact race director Tom Lumley at 533-5031 or e-mail thomas.lumley@hua. army.mil.

Fort Huachuca Directorate of Morale, Welfare & Recreation

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The Scout

Spouses club hosted golf scramble at MVGC

By Michael Collins

Scout Staff

The Fort Huachuca Community Spouses Club hosted a scholarship fund-raising event at the Mountain View Golf Course Saturday. Many of the fort's top leaders turned out to have fun and raise money for this local civic organization.

Thirty teams participated, making it the largest tournament hosted in 10 years. The event added about \$3500 for the scholarship fund.

"What a great turnout," said Beth Ritchey, FHCSC golf scramble chairperson. "Participation from the golfers and support from our sponsors and community have made this a premier event."

The FHCSC is a non-profit organization whose goal is to provide community outreach through charitable disbursements and scholarships.

"This event gives kids a chance to compete for valuable scholarships," said Maj. Gen. Barbara Fast. "Ultimately, sponsorship will serve our nation and our community."

Spouses of the U.S. military (active duty, retired or deceased) or spouses of DOD civilians assigned toFortHuachuca are eligible to apply for FHCSC scholarships. Also included are dependent children up to their 23rd birthday.

For more information about FHCSC scholarships, contact Heather Thomas at 417-0220.



Fort Commissary offers sushi bar

Story and Photo by Thom Williams

Scout Staff

The Fort Huachuca Commissary recently added a sushi bar to the myriad of food choices customer it offers customers.

The bar is run by Jonathan Gien, a professional sushi chef. who is originally from Myanmar, a small country near Thailand, formerly known as Burma. He says he learned his craft from senior sushi chefs in Philadelphia, during a four-year stint working at a sushi bar in a food court on the campus of the University of Pennsylvania.

Gien's sister Nini assists him in the operation of the bar located near the delicatessen section of the Commissary.

Sushi bars are not a standard feature in every store belonging to the Defense Commissary Agency.

"I requested it and it took me almost two years, but we did get it," said Judy Mendez, Fort Huachuca Commissary store direc-

"We are happy to have an extra service for our customers and an extra option for Fort Huachuca lunchtime. It's low cost, low fat, low calorie and it's good for you."

The bar offers sushi that is packaged in ready-to-go containers, or customers can request that the product be prepared before

"If the customer wants the

sushi prepared fresh, we can do that," Gien said.

Some of the ingredients used in sushi come out of Los Angeles, while the vegetables are purchased locally.

"Some people think that sushi is raw fish which is actually not true. Sushi is the rice with the seaweed and vegetables as well as raw fish and we can also make only vegetable sushi," he said.

"Before this, I was buying it downtown and you can't tell how fresh it is. But here, they are making my order right now," said George Kateridge, who is half Japanese and travels to Japan on business.

"If you go to Japan you'll have a different flavor to it, but it's only because you are in that country. It's pretty close to the real thing."

The sushi bar is part of a chain of bars operated by AFC Corporation under the name "Southern Tsunami". According to the corporations Web site, they operate more than 1900 sushi bars in 45 U.S. states and Canada

The bar also sells their own line of products designed to compliment the sushi dining experience such as wasabi and ginger dressing.

Wasabi dressing is the green, fiery Japanese concoction made from radishes meant to be spread on sushi to enhance the taste. Sushi connoisseurs recommend say that Wasabi sauce be cut with soy sauce to turn down the heat.

The sushi bar has the same hours as the Commissary and offers party trays for special occasions and holidays. The sushi chef needs at least 24 hours notice to prepare large orders.

A prepackaged box of combination sushi suitable for lunch can be had for around \$5, while the jumbo Moonlight Party tray featuring 34 pieces of sushi will set customers back \$26.



Jonathan Gien (right) and his sister Nini make sushi at their bar located near the Deli section of the Fort Huachuca Commissary. The sushi bar has the same operating hours as the Commissary.

Fit For Life

Skill-Related Fitness also important

By George R. Colfer, Ph.D.

Contributing Writer

Most fit for life writings deal with health-related fitness and healthy lifestyles. While being physically fit is important, many people of military age also participate in a variety of competitive sports and mission-related competitions sponsored by their unit or the Post. Success in games and contests requires more than just being fit. They depend on various motor skills and their level of development.

Skill-related fitness enables one to move and perform more efficiently, whether it be in work-related activities, daily movement functions or in sports performance. Further, health-related fitness may also benefit from skill-related fitness, since persons who possess skillrelated fitness are more likely to be active throughout life.

Skill-related fitness is compatible with health-related fitness. Many activities promote both types. Individuals who possess both will find participation in either type of activities more enjoyable and beneficial to their health and physical well-being. A person who is physically active cannot help but improve some aspects of skill-related fitness.

The skill-related components are agility, balance, coordination, power, speed and reaction time. Many of these components work closely together and can be trained for by similar modes. However, specificity does exist and such skills cannot be categorized in general. A combination of these skills or abilities usually determines a skilled performance in a particular sport. Note, also, that a high level of health-related components may make skill acquisition easier. One cannot improve skill if one is fatigued and lacking strength or flexibility. Here is a brief look at each skill-related component to see how it works.

Agility is the ability to change body positions quickly and accurately to the indicated response or situation. Balance refers to the ability of a person to maintain a specific body position while still or in motion. Coordination is the speed and accuracy of correct muscle response to produce a desired movement. The ABC's of skill-related fitness are commonly referred to as the ability to change direction quickly and to move as efficiently as pos-

sible with minimal energy expenditure. These three components can be improved or developed by the use of developmental training programs, specific exercises or drills and sports participation.

Power is the application of strength and speed during a muscular movement. Power equals force times velocity and has to do with the speed of the contraction against less than maximal resistance. Power is closely related to dynamic strength, with speed or quickness of movement as the added dimension. Although strength, speed and power are related, strength alone will not develop power. Power is displayed in many activities in different ways. Driving a golf ball, hitting a baseball, putting the shot, an explosive hit in football and a gymnast performing a giant swing on the high bar are all examples of power. Some per-

Arizona Tourist

The Battle of Picacho Pass

Scout Reports

In early 1862, 1,400 troops of the First California Cavalry were dispatched from Fort Yuma to head to Tucson, Ariz. where the Confederate southwest stronghold was located. In April, the "California Column" reached present-day Casa Grande.

Part of the column was dispatched to scope out the remainder of the route to Tucson.

Twelve Union cavalry troopers and one scout conducted a sweep of the Picacho Pass area, looking for Confederates reported to be nearby.

The Confederates were

waiting along the route in ambush. The position the rebels chose was so obviously an ambush that the approaching unit split in two, with one group continuing forward and the second circling back around the location.

The Union Soldiers surprised and captured three

Confederate lookouts, but failed to see seven other Soldiers. The Confederates opened fire, killing three men and wounding three others. After over an hour of battle, both sides withdrew.

This battle was the most significant Civil War engagement in Arizona and took place near Picacho Peak. Every March, "The Civil War in the South-

west" comes alive again as more than two hundred re-enactors converge on Picacho Peak on foot and horseback. Visitors enjoy viewing exciting mock battles that took place in Arizona and New Mexico during the Civil War. Since many people only know of the battles that were fought in the eastern states, this

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Sierra Vista 50th Anniversary



Countdown: Sierra Vista turns 50 in 11 weeks

EDITORIAL COMMENT:

The City of Sierra Vista will celebrate its 50th anniversary, "More than a city—a way of life," May 26-28, 2006. In support of the city's celebration, each month until the celebration weekend, The Fort Huachuca Scout will run one reprinted article from the 1955 and 1956 issues of the "Fort Huachuca Scout," showing what fort life was like 50 years ago. Each week, we'll print one or more highlights of what happened on Fort Huachuca a half century ago.

Sierra Vista was founded in 1956 and annexed Fort Huachuca in 1971. Now, as in the past, the two entities worked together and are involved in many partnerships.

The Fort Huachuca Scout has been in publication for 54 years since 1951. Morgue copies of the "Scout" are available for viewing at the Fort Huachuca Public Affairs Office, Building 21115, 3015 Carnahan Street, across the street from the gazebo at the west end of Brown Parade Field. Call 533-2622 for additional information.

Enjoy reliving Fort Huachuca's past 50 years, and reminisce as we travel back in time. - Joan Vasey

Reprinted from "The Huachuca Scout", March 8, 1956

EDITORIAL: The Red Provider

The greatest reason we remain under arms is to deter possible communist aggression throughout the world. But the communist does not operate only with weapons. He seeks to subvert free government through political

In many foreign countries the communist candidate appeals to poverty-stricken people who have lost hope. If questioned, many of these peasants and workers would readily admit they didn't want their country to

become part of the Kremlin chain-gang.

Ill clothed, ill housed, and ill fed, however, they are ready bait for the Red candidate and often vote communist because the party promises reform. Some actually become party members to protest against the way things are rather than because of a positive belief in communism.

Once the communists gain control of the government it is almost impossible to dislodge them. Their opposition is silenced – frequently permanently with a bullet in the head. Civil and political rights disappear. Slave labor camps dot the countryside. Liberty-loving citizens have had it.

We lend our moral support and defense aid to democratic governments in these countries. And we offer the example of our democracy for positive reforms. We try to help the nations remain truly free and independent. By doing so, we reinforce our own freedom.

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sons may generate power more through strength, while others rely more on speed. However, if two forces are equal, the one that generates more speed or velocity will produce the greater power.

Speed is the ability to move the body or a region of the body as rapidly as possible from one point to another point. Speed is the rate of movement, or the amount of time it takes for a body or object to travel between two points. Speed usually refers to running speed, as in the sprints in track or football. However, speed can be performed as leg speed in soccer kicking, arm speed in throwing

a baseball and body speed (acceleration) necessary in gymnastics. Speed is related to strength and power. In fact, all skill-related components contribute to speed. Speed requires the expenditure of a large amount of energy in a short time period. Age is a factor in attaining speed. One's peak is usually reached at about 20 years of age and can be maintained for up to 10 years or so depending upon the type of training one practices. Without practice, speed diminishes quickly by the late twenties.

Reaction time refers to the time lapse between the presentation of the

stimulus (sound-sight-touch) and the first muscular movement of the performer. Reaction time enables the performer to begin movement faster, which can affect other skill components such as speed and power. Reaction time can be improved through the use of many developmental programs, such as strength and speed improvement. There are also many drills involving sight, sound and touch that will improve reaction time on a general basis. Since there is a relatively high degree of specificity in reaction time response, most experts feel that the best method for improving upon a specific activity or

sport is to practice the starting stimulus for that activity.

Even though many drills and exercises will aid in overall motor skill development, when it comes to a selected sport, one must practice those sport skills specifically. No amount of conditioning will substitute for sport skill practice. However, most sports participation also develops skill-related fitness. Handball, racquetball, basketball, gymnastics, wrestling, volleyball, tennis and soccer are a few of many sport activities that can improve motor skill development.

Ask The Dietition

National Nutrition Month Quiz Contest

By Capt. Jennifer L Rodriguez

Registered Dietitian

It's National Nutrition Month! What a great way to make healthy changes by eating right and moving more. This week, fill out a National Nutrition Month Quiz. Cut it out, answer all 10 questions correctly, mail it in and you may win a prize! It's that simple. All correctly completed quizzes returned by March 30 will be entered into a drawing and three winners will be drawn at random for a mystery prize. Good luck and I hope you learn something new about nutrition. Happy Eating!

Send completed quizzes with name and phone number to USA MEDDAC, 2240 E. Winrow Ave, ATTN:PMWARS-NUTRITION, Ft Huachuca, AZ 85613-7079

Step Up to Nutrition & Health National Nutrition Month 2006 Quiz

- 1. Whole grains are an important part of a healthy diet. The three parts of a grain kernel are:
 - a. exoskeleton, endoskeleton, bran
 - b. germ, bulgur, enricher
 - c. bran, endosperm, germ
 - d. bran, bulgur, bean
- 2. True or False: The "meat and beans" food group includes only beef and lima beans.
- 3. When selecting from the fruit group, a. only fresh fruits can be considered.
 - b. fresh, canned, frozen, dried, 100% fruit juice count. c. frozen fruits should not be

eaten more than twice a month.

- d. don't be concerned about washing fresh fruit unless it looks dirty.
- 4. A one-ounce serving of grain is approximately
 - a. one slice of bread
 - b. one cup of cereal
 - c. one-half cup cooked rice
 - d. all of the above
- 5. Children and teenagers should be physically active for how many minutes most days?
 - a. 10c. 40
- b. 20 d. 60
- 6. Which of the following is equivalent to a one-half cup serving of cooked vegetables?

- a. 1 medium-sized tomato
- b. 6 asparagus spears
- c. 7 or 8 baby carrots
- d. 1 cup of raw leafy vegetables
- e. all of the above
- 7. If you eat 100 more calories a day that you burn,
 - a. you will become stronger and healthier.
 - b. you will be able to ride a bicycle faster.
 - c. you will gain about one pound in a month.
 - d. nothing will change as long as you take vitamins.
- 8. For a healthier you, keep these low. a. saturated fats, trans fats, cholesterol, sodium, and added

sugars

- b. potassium, fiber, calcium a nd iron
- c. vitamin A, vitamin C, dark vegetables and fruit
- d. calcium, orange vegetables, fruit and iron
- 9. Which of these is not another name for sugar?

syrup

- or sugar? a. sucrose b. sodium
- c. glucose d. maple
- 10. True or False: The calcium content of low-fat dairy products is equivalent to that of full-fat dairy foods.

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Chalk Talk-

Myer Elementary

Maureen Brady's fourth graders learned about the French artist, Georges Seurat who created pointillism. The students made their own dot pictures in this style. They then used compasses to make overlapping circular designs, which they colored in complimentary colors. Now the fourth graders are working on a Southwest unit and are making pastel pueblos, sand paintings, and ojos de Dios or God's Eyes.

Ms. Brady's fifth graders continued their Australian art unit with X-Ray Bark animals made in Aborigini style designs. The students then made Tiki Pendants to wear for good luck. Now they have been

working on making hand puppets that have painted clay heads and felt bodies. All the students have enjoyed putting on puppet shows to entertain their classes. All of the students created wonderful posters in honor of Martin Luther King, which they used in an assembly.

The Character Counts' pillar for the month of March is Citizenship and the color is purple. Students will be encouraged to help make their school and community a better place, be cooperative, be a good neighbor, obey laws and rules, respect authority, and protect the environment. The monthly assembly will take place on March 31st at 1:30 P.M. in the school

gymnasium

The following students received the Character Counts' awards for the pillar, Caring. Congratulations to Adarius Blake, Augustine Bunkley, Beth Marcum, Connie Sones, James Wininger, Jason Li, Katarina Towery, Magen Davidson, Megan Sokolowski, Patrick Sandstrom, Paul Michael Shulsky, and Tiara Huddleston. The Student of the Month Academic Awards for February were given to Adriena Valdivia, Bradley Dean, Christian Keen, Danielle Villali, Joshua Krause, Juliana Coriz, Mariah Denton, Matthew Hester, Megan Besmer, Sharon Li, Vinessa Rice, and Valerie Ross. Myer School faculty and staff are very proud of all of

Children's book drive

The Sierra Vista Optimist Club is kicking off "A Book of My Own." The club provides books to elementary school readers to help them appreciate reading and to improve their reading skills. Collection is now through April. Drop-off points are Cochise College Library, the Landmark Café, Borgstadt Chiropractic and Buzz Breads. For more information, contact Ray Ricco at 459-5502 or Donne Puckle at 458-4122.

"Smooth Move for Kids" workshop

Army Community Service will offer the "Smooth Move for Kids" workshop at 11:45 a.m., March 13; 6 p.m., March 22; and 9 a.m., March 31 at the ACS Building 50010.

The workshop is helps ease the anxiety for children and make moving easier for everyone.

The class is free; pre-register by calling ACS at 533-

U.S. Army Field Band & Soldiers' Chorus

The U.S. Army Field Band & Soldiers' Chorus from Washington D.C. will perform Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Buena High School Performing Arts Center, Sierra Vista. The performance is free and open to the public, but free admission tickets are required.

For ticket information, contact Phil Vega, sponsor, at the Sierra Vista Herald at 458-9440.

Huachuca City arts, crafts festival

The Huachuca City Parks & Recreation Board will sponsor an arts and crafts show with food and daylong entertainment on Saturday 11 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the city park, at the corner of Gila and School Streets, behind the police and fire departments. There is no admission.

In addition to arts and crafts, there will be entertainment and food booths. The Huachuca City Color Guard will post the colors to patriotic music. A desert swing band, a Scottish bagpiper, banjo and guitar players, and a singer will round out the musical fare. There will be line dance and clogging demonstrations, a performance by members of Limelight Productions, Inc, and performance by the Ohana Holookoa Dancers.

Dine on a variety of food offered for sale. There are picnic tables, and a play area for the children.

For more information, call 456-8938.

"Army 101" introduces Army life

Army Family Team Building will offer the Level I AFTB marathon class 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., March 25 at Murr Community Center, Building 51301.

AFTB Level I, also known as "Army 101" provides an introduction to Army life.

The class is free but please pre-register with Army Community Service at 533-2330, or e-mail huachuca aftb@hotmail.com. For more information, call Cheryl Patterson at 533-3686.

Automotive service exam planned

The registration deadline for the fall Automotive Service Excellence Certification Examination is March 20 at 12 p.m.. Pick up registration forms at the testing office in the Education Center, Bldg 52104. Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support authorizes funding for a maximum of three \$26 ASE exams for each semi-annual examination cycle. Active duty and Reserve personnel in a related Military Occupational Specialty are eligible to test for either credit, by examination or for certification. DANTES does not fund the Level 1, Level 2 or any

There is a \$32 registration fee. Testing for the fall ASE cycle are 8 a.m., May 9, 11, and 16. For more information, contact Kristin L. Juarez, test examiner, at 533-1701

Library to display Lopes weavings

The Fort Huachuca library is displaying Portuguese master weaver Arlinda Lopes' loom-woven fabrics. Ms. Lopes integrates recycled fabrics in most of her woven products. The display will be available for viewing until April.

The Fort Huachuca Library is open Tuesdays through Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 533-3041.

Families in Waiting Support Group

The Families in Waiting Support Group meeting will be held at 6 p.m., March 16 at the New Beginnings Child Development Center, Building 48101.

This group offers support for families of services members who are deployed or on a hardship tour. Free child care is available with advanced registration.

Register by calling Army Community Service at 533-2330 or e-mailing pamela.j.allen@hua.army.mil.

Weight loss support group can help

The Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center Weight Loss Support Group meets every other Wednesday from 5-6 p.m. at the Preventive Medicine Clinic located at Riley Barracks. Those who are trying to lose weight and who need some support will are invited. There are no fees or contracts to join. Call 533-3536 for more information. The next meeting will be Wednesday at 5 p.m. and feature a viewing of the movie "Super Size Me." Future meeting dates are March 29 and April 12 and 16.

WSC St. Patrick's Day Dinner at K of C

The Widowed Support Center will participate in the St. Patrick's Day Dinner at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Saturday, March 18 at 5 p.m. The cost \$9. If interested in attending with the WSC, call 533-3807 to reserve your

WSC would like to remind everyone they are open from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Wednesdays are craft day with the WSC with crafts being held during normal business hours.

Passport office closed two days

The Passport Office will be closed on March 20 and 21. It will reopen on March 22.

At The Movies

Showing at the Cochise Theater for the next week are:



Today -7 p.m.

Tristan and Isolde

PG-13

Friday

Big Mama's House 2

PG-13

Saturday -7 p.m.

Underworld Evolution

Sunday -2 p.m.

Big Mama's House 2

PG-13

Monday - Wednesday

Closed

Reduced prices on Thursday evening and Sunday matinees.

Watch CAC

For the latest news on the Fort Huachuca community as well as all of your military branches worldwide, the Commander's Access Channel (Channel 97) is your first and most reliable source.

The Scout will notify the community of the return of the Fort Report and until then, keep tuned to the CAC for other pertinent post information.







Tippy is a pretty 10-month-old female black and white border/lab kitten. Courtesy photo from petfinder. mix. Courtesy photo from petfinder. com. com.

Larry is an 8-week-old male tabby

These animals and more are available for adoption from the Fort Huachuca Veterinary Treatment Facility. For more information, call 533-2767 or visit forthuachucapetfinder.com. In accordance with Army regulation, stray animals are kept for three working days to find an owner. After three days, they are either placed up for adoption or humanely euthanized. Strays are available for adoption for 30 days until they are euthanized.

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desert battle becomes a valuable and enjoyable history lesson.

Also on display at the reenactment are recreated military camps and living history demonstrations. The clothing, camp lifestyle, food, and stories told by the Soldiers in the Southwest during the 1860s make this event a valuable educational experience for school aged children. Spectators are welcome to tour the recreated military camps which will include period demonstrations such as laundering, candle making, sewing, cooking and the fashions of the era.

Portraying the cavalry Soldiers of the Union's "California Column" is Fort Huachuca's Troop B, 4th U.S. Cavalry Regiment (Memorial).

None of the actual cavalry units from Fort Huachuca were involved with any southwestern Civil War battles, but Troop B was asked to play the role of the Union cavalry.

Charge to attend the event is \$8 per vehicle, maximum four per-

sons per vehicle with \$2 for each additional person. This family-oriented event will have handicap access. Children under 14 are free. Picacho Peak Park is located off Interstate 10, on exit 219; 60 miles south of Phoenix, and 40 miles north of Tucson. For more information, call (520) 466-3183 or visit www.pr.state.az.us on the Web.

Weekend and Holiday Clinic

The Weekend Holiday Access Clinic hours have changed. The hours are 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on weekends and federal holidays. The WHAC is designed to serve Active Duty and family members for acute minor illness and injuries only.

It's scholarship time here

It's that time of year again. It's time to start planning for tuition and expenses for the fall semester of college.

Whether one is a soon-to-be high school grad or a continuing education student, Army installations offer a wide array of scholarships specific to Soldiers and their families.

The Army and Air Force Exchange service generally offers annual scholarships to military dependents, as does the commissary. Army Community Service and the post education center may be another place to begin looking.

Below is a list of scholarships available here. Remember, though, this is only a small list and does not contain all the monies which may be available.

SCHOLARSHIP	AMOUNT	ELIGIBILE APPLICANTS	DEADLINE	POC
Thrift Shop	\$1000	high school seniors	March 30	458-4606
Military Intelligence Corps Association	scholarship amount varies based on number of applications received	MI Soldier or a family member; must be working on 1st undergraduate degree	May 15	533-1174
Army Emergency Relief	need-based	spouses and widows of activeduty Soldiers	May 22	533-5972
FHCSC	several scholarships available	high school seniors and spouses	March 17	417-0220